



City of Santa Barbara
Fire Prevention Bureau

Flaming Food and Beverage Preparation
2010 California Fire Code, Section 308.1.8

This information bulletin is to make you aware of the requirements for open-flame food and beverage preparation as set forth in the 2010 California Fire Code as adopted by Ordinance #5535, Section 308. These requirements are intended to provide a reasonable degree of fire safety in the preparation of such foods and must be followed by all restaurant operators in the City of Santa Barbara.

The use of open-flame devices shall comply with the following:

- Flammable liquids may be used in the preparation of flaming foods and beverages only when dispensed from a (1) ounce container, or a container with a 1-quart capacity or less having a controlled pouring device that will limit the flow to (1) ounce.
- Flaming foods or beverages shall be prepared only in the immediate vicinity of the table being served. They shall not be transported or carried while burning.
- The person preparing the flaming foods or beverages shall have a wet cloth towel immediately available for use in smothering the flames in the event of an emergency.
- The serving of flaming foods or beverages shall be done in a safe manner and shall not create high flames. The pouring, ladling or spooning of liquids is restricted to a maximum height of 8 inches above the receiving receptacle.
- All containers, when not in use, shall be secured to prevent spillage.
- A permit shall be obtained from the Fire Prevention Bureau in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to engaging in activities involving open flame, fire or burning in Group A occupancies.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please feel free to contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 564-5702 during business hours.